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NOVELTIES AND ...PLANTS

OF SPECIAL VALUE



North Main Street Nursery

Opp. the City Hospital

J. W. ADAMS & CO.

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Established 1849.

North Main Street Nursery,

One mile North of the Railroad Depot,

Between North Main and Chestnut Streets, Opposite City Hospital.

Customers in Carriages can drive through the grounds, and often give their orders without leaving their seats.

Electric Cars leave Longmeadow, Springfield and Chicopee Junction every 20 minutes, passing the Office on Chestnut street.

Electric Cars—GREEN LINE between Springfield and Chicopee Falls every 20 minutes—pass the Nursery on North Main street.

Maple Street and Brightwood Electric Cars pass the Nursery every few minutes. **Fare** on all these lines, 5 cents.

Good Sidewalks for independent people.

Location of Springfield.

| | Miles | Time | Fare | | Miles | Time | Fare |
|-------------------|-------|------|--------|--------------------|-------|------|--------|
| Boston | 98 | 2.40 | \$2 23 | New Haven . . . | 62 | 1.20 | \$1 25 |
| Worcester | 54 | 1.30 | 1 24 | New York City . | 163 | 3.30 | 2 75 |
| Holyoke | 7 | 20 | 15 | Pittsfield | 52 | 1.35 | 1 17 |
| Northampton . . | 16 | 40 | 35 | Albany, N. Y. . . | 102 | 3.00 | 2 37 |
| Hartford, Conn . | 26 | 40 | 50 | | | | |

Double-Track Railroads lead to all the above cities, and other single-track roads and branches, like the spokes of a wheel, extend to numerous smaller towns, giving us great advantages in making prompt shipments and quick delivery of our goods.

Springfield is the terminus of the New York and New Haven R. R., of the New York and New England, of the Connecticut River, of the Athol Branch, and of the Boston and Maine. By this road we can now ship trees and plants to all the states north of us—Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont—without change or delay.

The American Express and the **Adams Express** deliver all orders at our office twice daily. They also forward our trees and plants directly from the Nursery at special reduced rates.

Other Expresses run to Holyoke, Chicopee Falls, Westfield, Ludlow and Thompsonville. We prefer to ship packages of medium size by express. Large trees can only be shipped by freight trains, for which the rates have been reduced, and are now reasonable.

Trees delivered at any place in Springfield without expense.

Early Orders by Mail are requested.

City Purchasers can pay the driver when he delivers their orders.

Packing, in bales or boxes, is done by skilled workmen, so that trees may travel hundreds of miles in safety. We charge only the cost.


Cartage free to any depot, or Express, or city residence. Trees and plants will be added to pay express or freight to out-of-town purchasers.

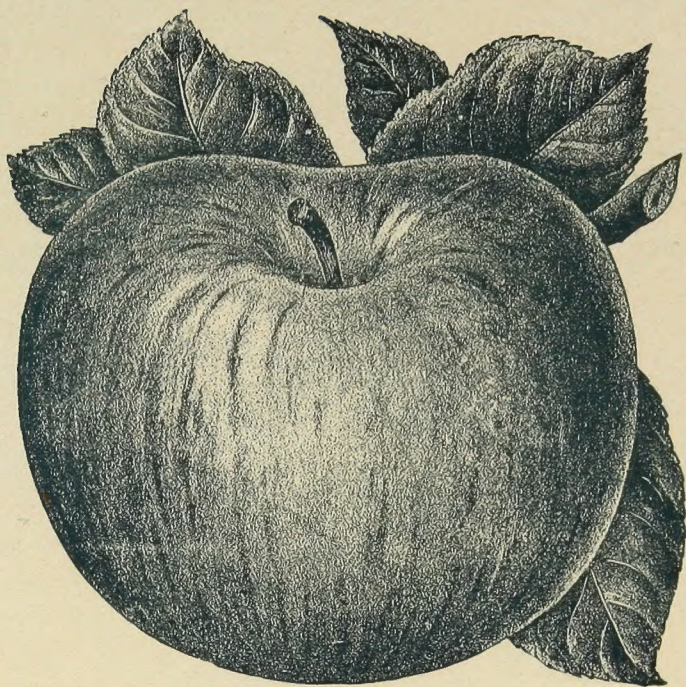
Purchasers should plainly state by what route their goods are to be conveyed. Otherwise we will forward them by the best in our opinion; but we will not be responsible in any way for delay or damage in transit, or loss in after-cultivation.

Any errors committed by us will be cheerfully rectified, if notice is given immediately.

Terms, Cash with the Order, or satisfactory security before shipment. **Money by mail may be sent as follows at our risk:** By Bank Check, payable to our order; by Post Office Money Order; by Registered Letter. Two dollars or less in bank bills, or postage stamps, in letters well sealed and plainly addressed, to

J. W. ADAMS & CO., Springfield, Mass.

 This little booklet comprises a list of Novelties and Plants of special value selected from our Descriptive Catalogue of 76 pages, which will be mailed **FREE** to all who write for it.



WALTER PEASE APPLE.

Select New Fruits.

The New Fall Apple, WALTER PEASE.

This large and handsome deep red Apple, introduced by us in 1895, attracts the attention of buyers by its size and color. Its flavor is mild, juicy, slightly subacid, rich and aromatic, and though ripe in September, it may be kept until midwinter. Better in quality than the Gravenstein, and more profitable to grow for market. A very large fruit-grower, in an address to the **Hampden Harvest Club**, said: "It is the best Apple in the world." We saw the orchard in bearing, and now place a very high value upon it, having budded one-third of all our Apple seedlings with this variety. It is very productive. Trees 6 to 7 feet high, \$1 each, 6 trees for \$5; extra size, \$1.50 each.

MERIDEN, CONN. "The flavor of the Walter Pease Apple you sent me is delicious."

"We rate it as the very best fall Apple."—E. W., Shaker Family.

"A fruit which will substantiate all you claim."—JOHN CHARLTON.

"The best fall Apple ever introduced."—F. B. YOUNG.

"A delicious table Apple for home use or market."—E. W. REID.

The Rural New Yorker says: "We do not know of any other Apple of its season that equals it in quality."

NEW APPLES, continued.

Odd-Year Baldwin. Very large, round, deep red; flesh yellow, crisp, juicy, sprightly and rich. The original tree in Hampshire county, from which we obtained our cions, was known to bear large crops in odd years, when other Baldwin trees were at rest. Dec. to June. 30 to 50 cts. each.

"We sold Odd-Year Baldwins (crop of 1897) for \$5 a barrel."

Bismarck. A very large new winter Apple from New Zealand. Young trees are wonderfully prolific. A photograph shows 16 Apples on a tree not 4 feet high. 50 cts. each.

NEW PEARS.

Vermont Beauty. Very hardy, handsome and prolific. Fruit medium in size, yellow, with bright red cheek; flesh melting, juicy and aromatic. Ripens before midautumn. 75 cts. and \$1 each.

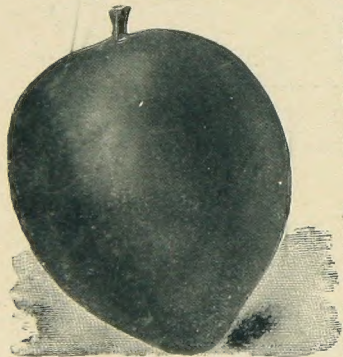
Angel. The largest very early Pear. The tree is a strong grower, and every year produces handsome fruits which sell for good prices. 75 cts. each.

Lincoln. A new late summer Pear. The trees, which are exceedingly hardy, productive and popular in Illinois, ought to be valuable in New England. The Pears are of medium size, yellow, with blush cheek; quality good. 75 cts. each.

Doctor Reeder. We have fruited this new Pear for several years, and now recommend it as one of the very best in quality and productiveness. The fruit is small, always fair and sound, fine-grained, juicy, vinous and delicious. Oct. to Dec. \$1 and \$1.50 ea.

NEW PLUMS.

Abundance. A new Plum from Japan, which bears profusely while young and every year afterwards. Fruit large, amber, becoming cherry-red, juicy, tender and sweet. Season very early. 75 cts.



RED JUNE PLUM.

"We have never before been able to raise Plums because of the curculio. Our tree four years planted has borne three crops. Last season the tree was so loaded that three props were used, and the tree anchored, so as to resist the heavy winds. It is estimated that this young tree bore nearly three bushels, and the yield this season will probably be as much."—*The Rural New-Yorker*.

Red June. This new Japan Plum is of large size, beautiful red color, and very early. Hardy in bud and bloom. So says the introducer. 75 cts. each, 6 for \$4.

LUTHER BURBANK, the originator, says, "It is a splendid market Plum."

PROF. BAILEY, who tests every new fruit, says in his order for "Fifty trees for my own use; it is the best Japanese Plum tested here, next Burbank."

"There will be a big demand for Red June."—PRES. BERCKMANS.

Burbank. An abundant bearer and valuable for market or home use. Abundance is better known, but the Burbank is claimed to be the finer by those who grow them largely for profit. It is not, how-

NEW PLUMS, continued.

ever, a very serious question, as the season is not the same, and both are needed to complete a valuable list. Ripens four weeks later than Abundance, and strongly resembles that variety in shape, color and growth of tree, but fruit is considerably larger. 75 cts. each.

Hale. A new Japan Plum of the largest size; bright orange, mottled with red. Ripe in Sept. Flesh yellow, juicy, delicious, slightly acid peach flavor. One-year No. 1, 50 cts. each. Extra size, \$1 each.

Wickson. Another new Japan Plum of large size; deep red; stone small; flesh firm, sugary and delicious. Small trees, 50 cts.

Milton. An extra early native Plum of good size and quality. Highly praised by those who have fruited it. Small trees, 50 cts. each. Extra size, \$1 each.

Monarch. A European Plum of the largest size, which is claimed to be superior to all others of its class. Two-year-old trees, 75 cts. each.

NEW CHERRY, WINDSOR.

A new sweet Cherry from Canada. Very large, almost black, and of the finest quality. Late Cherries, coming in after the crop is gone, are always in demand, and Windsor, from its size and beauty, will command a high price. The tree is a free, upright grower, very vigorous and productive; fruit firm and excellent. 50 cts. each; extra choice, 75c. each.



WINDSOR CHERRY.

NEW PEACHES.

Sneed and **Triumph** are two very early new Peaches, recommended by the largest growers. 25 cts. each.

Champion. Large, creamy white, with red cheek; sweet, rich and juicy; hardy and productive. A choice variety. 25 cts. each, \$1 for 5.

Bokhara. A new Peach from Russia, claimed to be more hardy than any other good Peach. The person who furnished us our original trees writes that "It is a freestone of fine quality, and immensely productive. I had specimens which measured 9 inches in circumference. Many worthless varieties are said to have been sold for this sort." Our stock must be true Bokhara No. 3. 50 cts. each, \$2.50 for 6 trees.

Stewart. An extremely large, new Peach (often 16 to 18 ounces). It has never fruited here, but is a very promising variety. 50 cts.

Many people who are not our customers ask for information in regard to horticultural matters. It is not often we are too busy to listen to such requests, and our advice, either verbally or by letter, is always cheerfully given.

THE BOURGEAT QUINCE

grows in favor from year to year. It is not only large, smooth and handsome, but the fruit is the best in quality, the longest keeper, the earliest bearer, and the most vigorous grower. All of our customers who have tried this new variety, which we introduced several years ago, are highly pleased with it. \$1 each, 6 trees for \$5; small trees, 50 cts. each, \$2 for 5 trees.

CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

A new variety, claimed by the originator to be superior to all others. Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, is a man of wide experience in grape growing, having introduced the Delaware, more than 40 years ago. **Some points of special merit** are: A vigorous, hardy vine, with thick foliage and free from mildew; large, compact clusters and large berries of black Grapes with few seeds, which separate readily from the pulp. Flesh is sweet, rich, slightly vinous and free from foxiness. It bore fruit in our nursery (1897), ripening early. The berries do not shell from the stem, but keep sound for several weeks. Our vines have strong, fibrous roots and are certain to please purchaser. One year old, \$1 each, \$5 for 6. Two years old \$1.50 each, \$7.50 for 6.

The tops are cut back to three buds, the right method for planting.

THE WILDER CURRANT.

Mr. Barnes, the largest grower of Currants near the Hudson, prefers this variety. The fruit is as large as Fay's, a longer cluster, and more productive. It remains upon the bushes in good condition for a long time, and retains its bright red color. Not so acid as the Cherry, but has a rich and agreeable flavor. It is a vigorous grower. 25 cts. each, \$1 for 5 plants. One year, \$2 per doz.

GOOSEBERRIES.

The **Downing Gooseberry** continues to hold the front rank of the pale green varieties. It bears large crops and does not mildew. Strong plants, \$3 per doz.; medium, \$1.50 per doz.

Keepsake. Fruit very large, straw-colored, of excellent flavor. Bloom is well protected by foliage, making it one of the most certainly fruitful. On our grounds bushes planted the year before, were loaded with specimen berries like good-sized plums. \$3 per doz.

THE KANSAS RASPBERRY.

Very large, handsome and of excellent quality. Early and productive; a splendid new blackcap. \$1 per doz.

BLACKBERRIES.

Ohmer. Mr Ohmer, who introduced the Gregg raspberry, says, "the Ohmer Blackberry is as large as the largest, and hardy as any good berry; very productive, sweet and excellent." \$1.50 per doz.

Rathbun. Claimed to be the largest of all Blackberries. Sweet, high flavored and luscious. A great bearer. 25c. each, \$2.50 per doz.

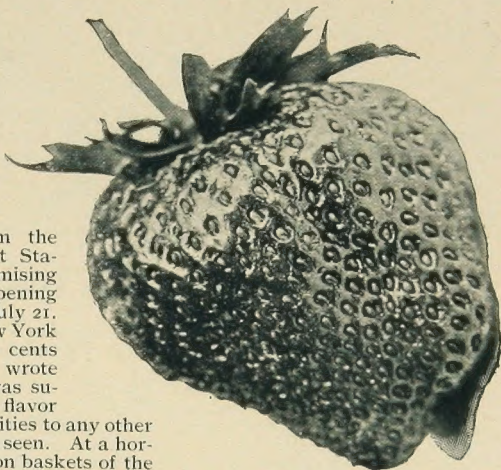
To save further inquiries in regard to the new hybrids called Mayberry, Strawberry-Raspberry, Logan Berry, Rocky Mountain Cherry and Wineberry, we have no plants to offer. An intelligent horticulturist, in whose opinion we place great reliance, writes: "After an extended and careful inquiry, I have come to the conclusion that there is no merit in them whatever." Many other novelties offered in various catalogues find no room in our collection for similar reasons.

STRAWBERRIES.

Nick Ohmer. This new Strawberry is recommended by Beaver and Crawford, of Ohio, and Davis, of Northampton, leading Strawberry growers, as the best variety now in sight. The fruit is of the largest size, dark glossy red and of excellent flavor.

Brandywine. Large, late and productive, superseding the Gandy.

Hunn. From the N. Y. Experiment Station. A most promising very late berry, ripening from June 24 to July 21. A merchant in New York City returned 20 cents per quart, and wrote that the Hunn was superior in color, flavor and shipping qualities to any other berry he had ever seen. At a horticultural exhibition baskets of the Hunn surpassed in every way all others on the tables. Very late and very prolific.



NICK OHMER.

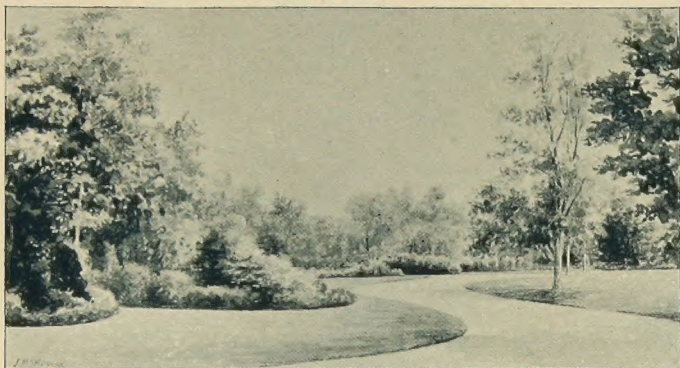
For a description of other Strawberries, send for our Pocket Catalogue. Choice plants by mail, at the following

PRICES OF STRAWBERRIES.

Varieties marked (Per.) have perfect blossoms and (Imp.) imperfect. One-fourth of those set out should be perfect-flowering.

| | Doz. | 50 | 100 |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Barton's Eclipse (Imp.) | \$0 30 | \$0 60 | \$1 00 |
| Bismarck (Per.) | 50 | 90 | 1 50 |
| Brandywine (Per.) | 30 | 60 | 1 00 |
| Bubach (Imp.) | 30 | 60 | 1 00 |
| Clyde (Per.) | 30 | 60 | 1 00 |
| Glen Mary (Per.) | 50 | | |
| Governor Hoard (Per.) | 30 | 60 | 1 00 |
| Greenville (Imp.) | 30 | 60 | 1 00 |
| Hall's Favorite (Per.) | 50 | | |
| Haverland (Imp.) | 30 | 60 | 1 00 |
| Hunn (Per.) | 50 | 1 50 | 3 00 |
| Marshall (Per.) | 30 | 60 | 1 00 |
| Manwell (Per.) | 50 | | |
| Margaret (Per.) | 50 | | |
| McKinley (Per.) | 50 | 1 00 | |
| Nick Ohmer (Per.) | 2 00 | 6 00 | 10 00 |
| Parker Earle (Per.) | 50 | 1 00 | |
| Princess (Per.) | 30 | 60 | 1 00 |
| Ridgeway (Per.) | 50 | | |
| Sharpless (Per.) | 30 | 60 | 1 00 |
| Wm. Belt (Per.) | 50 | | |
| Mixed Varieties, not labeled | 20 | 40 | 75 |

OTHER VARIETIES—Avery, Benoy, Brunette, Carrie, Dollar, Ima, Jerry Rusk, Jesse, Magoon, Pet, Flow City, Seaford. Price on application.

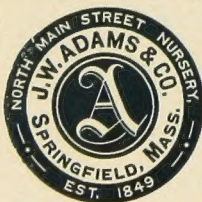


LANDSCAPE GARDENING.

Drawing plans of new estates or remodeling older grounds is not always needed, but it is a department in our business which is every year increasing.

A rough draft, with estimate, can usually be furnished without expense, and more complete and detailed plans can then be made, showing the number, name and position of each plant, and the cost of the same. We furnish skilled workmen to do the planting, and also personally lay out the walks and roads, and build the same of any material required to make a complete and satisfactory finish.

Is it economy to trust the laying out and planting to an ordinary itinerant gardener, any more than to give to a journeyman carpenter the draughting of a costly house? Money would be saved in both cases by employing the most skilled artists obtainable. Begin right. Have a map made showing the location and ground plan of the house, the exact position of each tree and shrub now growing there, and the proposed changes and improvements, roads, walks, trees, groups of shrubs, hedges and flowers. Such a plan can be carefully examined, and a fairly correct idea can be formed of the appearance of the grounds when completed. Should the place be offered for sale, **it is the outside of the home** that would fasten the eye of the prospective buyer. A good lawn and beautiful shrubbery, tastefully arranged, enhances values in the entire neighborhood. Trees and shrubs undesirable, or ill-fitted to the soil and location, a competent horticulturist would reject, and give the reason why; saving many costly mistakes and discouraging delays.



With the close of the present year, 1898, our business will have been carried on for half a century with reasonable success. It must have been kept abreast of the times. Our credit has not suffered by recommending novelties of no real merit, mistakes which some might attempt to repair or forget by adding new ones. A constant study to find new trees, roses and plants which are superior in essential points, and to push them to the front, ought to command respect and bring confidence. Selling a few front lots has not diminished our business, but we have added to our grounds, by purchase, land of better quality and nearer the center. Our business must be of benefit to the city and New England, so far as we supply their horticultural demands, and we hope for continued and unexpected orders, both from old and new customers.

SELECT LAWN TREES.

Beech, Purple-leaved. The best grafted variety; has large, glossy, dark purple leaves in the spring, which change to crimson in the summer. \$2 to \$4 each.

Beech, Purple-leaved Seedlings. With smaller leaves, but very desirable lawn trees, at one-half the above price.

Birch, Cut-leaved. A tree which grows rapidly in all soils, whether sand or clay. Its erect habit and silvery white bark secure for it a place on lawns, parks, cemeteries and broad streets. Our trees are carefully grown, and transplant safely. 4 feet, 75 cts.; 6 feet, \$1; 8 feet, \$1.50; 10 feet, \$2; 12 feet, \$2.50.

Hawthorns, Double White and Double Scarlet. 4 feet, \$1; 6 feet, \$1.50.

Horse Chestnuts, White-flowering. 7 to 9 ft, \$1.50; 10 ft., \$2.

Horse Chestnuts, Red-flowering. 6 feet., 75 cts.; 7 feet, \$1.50; 8 feet, \$2.

Maple, Schwedlerii. This most desirable new variety has brilliant scarlet leaves in May and June. 7 to 9 feet, \$2; 10 feet, \$3.

Maple, Cut-leaved. A tree of rapid growth, with slender, drooping branches, giving it a graceful appearance. The foliage is abundant, silvery white underneath, and on the young wood it is deeply and delicately cleft. The leaf-stalks are long and tinted red on the upper surface. This is one of the most useful and attractive trees for lawns, or for bordering carriage drives, parks or cemeteries. On small city lots its branches may be shortened and its beauty not impaired, for it will bear cutting as well as the willow. 6 to 8 feet, 75 cts.; 8 to 10 feet, \$1.50; 10 to 12 feet, \$2.

Maple, Silver. A tree of very quick growth, large size, very hardy and easily transplanted. On broad streets or for new buildings, where immediate shade is desired, this is one of the most useful and satisfactory. The foliage is bright green above and silvery white beneath. 8 to 10 feet, 75 cts.; 10 to 12 feet, \$1; 12 to 15 feet, \$1.50.

Maple, Japan. These are very dwarf in habit, rarely over 5 to 10 feet high, and are entirely hardy. We cultivate a dozen varieties, some with highly colored, dark purple leaves, which are constant throughout the season. Several have green leaves tipped with crimson; one has purple, and one green foliage as deeply cut as lace. Planted in groups on the lawn, they are extremely attractive. \$1, \$1.50 and \$2 each.

Oak, Golden. This superb variety, with rich golden foliage, a color which it retains until mid-autumn, is the one most desirable of all brilliant-leaved trees. It is most effective when planted in a group of other trees. When grafted on a vigorous root, this variety is easily transplanted, and its growth is rapid. \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$5 each for trees 3, 5 and 8 feet high.

Platanus orientalis. A fast-growing tree of large size, thought to be well suited for street trees in large cities, being entirely free from insects. 6 to 7 feet, 75 cts.; 7 to 9 feet, \$1.

Poplar, Golden, Carolina and Volga. All are beautiful trees of quick growth; of great value on new places.

Prunus Pissardii. The leaves, at first bright purple, change to red-purple, and finally in autumn to a rich shade of black-purple. It is a small-sized tree; very desirable. 50 cts. to \$1 each.

SELECT LAWN TREES, continued.

White Fringe. A small, round-top tree, with numerous pure white flowers, long, lace-like or fringe-like, blooming late in June. Bark smooth and clean, leaves shining; a choice lawn tree. 6 feet, 75 cts. each; 8 feet, \$1.50 each.

Willow, Laurel-leaved. This tree is one of the most desirable, especially for new places, where shade is needed quickly. A fine hardy tree for the sea side. \$1 and \$1.50 each.

EVERGREENS.

With much study, and at great expense, we have gathered from all parts of the world the best that can be found for this climate. There is no line of trees or shrubbery so immediately effective in beautifying a new place. Our list is too long to be inserted here, but intending buyers are requested to write for our Catalogue for description of varieties and prices.

The growing demand for Evergreens will be better understood when we state that we have filled one single order for 55,000 trees.

MAGNOLIAS.

A magnificent genus of ornamental trees and shrubs, which are

covered with flowers remarkable for their fragrance, size and beauty. We have in our nursery a tree of *Magnolia acuminata* that we planted in 1868, which is 40 feet high. In consequence of their stateliness and symmetry of form, the richness of their foliage and their profusion of fragrant flowers, Magnolias stand unrivaled among trees and shrubs. It is hardly possible to say enough in their favor. Our collection comprises the best varieties to be obtained, either in America, Europe or Japan, and the trees which we offer have been grown with great care, and will give entire satisfaction.

Magnolia tripetala.

A medium-sized tree, with immense leaves and large white flowers in June. \$1 each.

M. macrophylla.

Leaves 2 feet in length, very tropical in appearance; large white flowers. \$2 each.



MAGNOLIA SOULANGEANA.

MAGNOLIAS, continued.

Magnolia conspicua. The flowers are white, and appear before the leaves. \$2 each.

M. Soulangeana. A shrubby, branching, small tree; flowers white and purple, 3 to 5 inches across. Foliage large and glossy. It forms a handsome tree, and is one of the most desirable Magnolias. \$1.50 to \$2.50 each; a few extra choice specimens, \$5 each.

M. speciosa. Resembles Soulangeana in shape and foliage, but the flowers are a trifle smaller and a week later. A choice variety. Same price as Soulangeana.

M. Lennei. Flowers large, dark purple. \$2 to \$3 each.

M. stellata. From Japan. This little gem produces semi-double flowers in April. \$2 and \$3 each.



HYDRANGEA PANICULATA GRANDIFLORA.

(See page 10.)

An Acre of Hydrangeas in Bloom

One of the sights of the city these days is the magnificent display of hydrangeas at the J. W. Adams & Sons Nursery on North Main street. Here covering a full acre of ground, are over 25,000 fine plants in full bloom. The great, fluffy blossoms are just in their prime now, and the beds look like a billowy ocean of creamy white blooms. One large bed is set out with yearling plants, and the rest are fine, large, mature shrubs. During the coming week the blossoms will take on that soft, delicate pink which comes with the first suggestion of autumn, and a sight of them is worth going miles to see.—*New England Homestead*.

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS.

Althæa, Jeanne d'Arc. The only pure white double variety; very rare. 50 cts. each.

Azaleas. The beauty of the hardy Azaleas in May and June can scarcely be overstated; brilliant and profuse of blossoms, and often dispensing a delicate and delicious fragrance. We grow both the Ghent and Mollis species in numerous varieties, including almost every shade of pink, white, yellow, orange and scarlet. .25 cts., 50 cts. and \$1 each.

Cornus Spathii. Valued in winter for its bright red bark, and in summer for its foliage, which is completely bordered with yellow. A very showy and desirable shrub, especially when planted with a background of green. 50 cts. to \$1 each.

Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora. This is not new, but is the one most easily grown in every kind of soil and exposure, being perfectly hardy everywhere. It produces such great masses of bloom late in summer, lasting until November, that no shrub is so popular.



Our plants are well-rooted, and will blossom the first season. Every branch terminates in a cluster of flowers. 25 cts., 50 cts. and 75 cts. each; extra strong plants, \$1 each.

This Hydrangea is now much used in Newport for planting in groups or masses of 25 to 100 plants. The grand effect of such a quantity of bloom is spoken of by visitors. An exhibition that can be repeated whenever this shrub is properly brought into use.

Viburnum plicatum. This new Snowball from Japan forms an erect shrub 6 feet high. It is in full bloom on Decoration Day, when its large balls of pure white flowers are in great demand. A branch a foot and a half in length, having a dozen or twenty flowers, interspersed with plaited olive-green leaves, is in itself a beautiful bouquet. It is, perhaps, the most pleasing of all shrubs, and the true variety is yet very scarce. 50 cts., each;

VIBURNUM PLICATUM.

larger plants, \$1 each. A few extra strong plants, \$2.50 to \$5 each.

Deutzia parviflora. Prof. Sargent describes this new variety as "the prettiest of all the Deutzias." 75 cts. each, \$3 for 5 plants.

Xanthoceras sorbifolia. This is a new shrub from China. Its flowers, which are white with a reddish hue at the base, are produced

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS, continued.

in terminal racemes, in numerous clusters. It blooms profusely, even while the plants are quite small, the flowers and leaves expanding together in early spring. \$1 each.

Forsythias (Golden Bells). Vigorous, upright shrubs, which bloom before the leaves appear in April. The blossoms are bell-shaped, of a rich golden color, which brightens the landscape so early as to be indispensable. They are as easily grown as the *Hydrangea*, having no insect enemies. The variety called "*Viridissima*," however, is tender, and of no value compared with *Fortunei*, *Suspensa* and *Intermedia*. 50 cts. each.

Spiræa arguta. This new, early-flowering white variety Mr. Thurlow considers the best in his large collection, it being entirely hardy, and in consequence, superior to *Spiræa Thunbergii*. 25 cts. and 50 cts. each.

Spiræa Anthony Waterer. A low shrub, 15 inches high, covered all summer with umbels of crimson flowers. 25 cts. and 50 cts. each.

SHRUBS WORTHY OF ESPECIAL MENTION,

and described in our Catalogue, which will be sent
to all who write for it.

**Barberry, *Thunbergii* and
Purple.**

***Elæagnus longipes*.**

Golden *Syringa*. Fine for
low hedges. Leaves golden.

Lilacs. Twenty varieties,
single and double. Should be
in every garden.

Privet, *California*. A fine
hedge plant.

***Ptelea aurea*,** for its bright
golden foliage.

Purple *Fringe*, for its curious
hair-like flowers in midsummer.

***Weigela variegata*.** Leaves
bordered with yellow.

HARDY CLIMBERS, ETC.

Boston Ivy (*Japan Ivy*). We grow a large stock of this beautiful climber, so highly valued because it attaches itself to brick or stone as well as wood. Its foliage is rich and pleasing, the leaves overlapping each other like well laid shingles, keeping dry everything to which it may be attached. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 for 12 vines; extra strong, 50 cts. each, \$5 for 12 vines.

***Clematis paniculata*.** This new variety is the most rapid grower of all the *Clematis* family; too vigorous to be grafted on wild, native vines, which grow upon our walls and fences. Hence its great value as a decorative plant. It is in bloom from the middle of August until mid-autumn, and its numerous star-like white flowers and great fragrance, cause it to be a favorite everywhere. On page 26 of our descriptive Catalogue is a picture of a vine grown on our office, 20 feet in one season. 50 cts., 75 cts. and \$1 each.

***Wistaria*.** This continues to be the climber most in demand, since its beauty and great value are well known. We offer some very strong plants, as well as those of medium sizes.

PERENNIAL PLANTS AND BULBS.

Golden Glow (*Rudbeckia*). This new plant, which grows to the height of 6 feet or more, begins to bloom the last of July, and continues for many weeks. The flowers, which completely cover the

PERENNIAL PLANTS and BULBS, continued.

bush, are golden yellow, 2 inches in diameter, and double. It is the finest hardy plant of recent introduction. 25 cts. each, \$2 per doz.

Helenium autumnale superbum. A desirable hardy plant, which blooms the entire fall, and presents masses of golden yellow, making it very conspicuous for grand effect. 25c. each, \$2 50 per doz.

Gladiolus, California (Burbank's). A strain with delicate and beautiful colors and thick petals. Selected from many thousands. 30 cts. each, \$3 per doz.

Gladiolus, Lemoine's and Gandavensis. Mixed colors. 50 cts. to \$1 per doz.

Ad. We have printed a special circular of this popular bulb, giving description of varieties, prices, mode of cultivation, etc., which we mail free on application.

Iris Kämpferii. This new species from Japan possesses a grace of outline and a delicacy of coloring not to be found in other combinations except the finest of tropical flowers. The cost of arranging and planting is very little in comparison with the pleasure of seeing their beauty to the best advantage. \$3 per doz. Selected seedlings, \$1.50 per doz.

Pæonies, Herbaceous. Pæonies, beyond question, by their grand and gorgeous flowers, are among the most showy and useful of decorative plants. Not only are they large and splendid in color, but most of the varieties are as sweet-scented as the rose. They are quite hardy, and are of the easiest culture. We have, at great expense, brought together one of the largest collections in this country, our list of varieties and colors being too long for insertion in this Special Catalogue.

Strong roots, per dozen, all different named sorts, \$4.

Strong roots, per dozen, without names, \$3.

Pæonies, Tree. These magnificent plants are rarely seen, though they are hardy, and grow readily. They are difficult to propagate, and therefore the price is considerable, and they will never be common. The flowers of some varieties are 6 to 8 inches across. Named varieties, \$1.50, \$2 and \$3 each.

Phloxes. Well-known hardy plants of great beauty and variety. Our collection is a selection of dwarfs in preference to the taller varieties, and includes every shade of color for which this family of plants is so distinguished. For description, see our Pocket Catalogue, page 52. Except as noted, 25 cts. each, 10 plants for \$2.

OTHER NEW PLANTS

are, Lillies, Anemone, Hypericum Moserianum, Caryopteris.



IRIS KÄMPFERII.

ROSES.

For the last half dozen years we have not been able to fully supply the demand for this queen of flowers. This year we hope to meet all requirements in the most satisfactory way, having grown a stock both greater in quantity and superior in quality to any we have before offered. In fact, we believe that Roses as well rooted and in every respect as healthy and vigorous, both on their own roots and low-budded, cannot elsewhere be found. Much credit is due to the Amateur Horticultural Society of Springfield for information brought out at their discussions of the merits of different varieties, and methods of cultivation. Formerly the leaves were all eaten by an insignificant insect, which is easily destroyed, and Roses are now found in the gardens of the members, in which the foliage is of the richest green, without a single blemish, and the flowers, in bud and bloom, are fit to grace the table of any friend one might desire to honor.

We grow large quantities of the following varieties selected from our long trial list. They represent all colors and the best bloomers.

Crimson Rambler. An extremely rapid grower and free bloomer; undoubtedly the best of all climbing Roses. The trusses of bright crimson flowers frequently measure more than a foot in length, with handsome, shining foliage and a marvelous abundance of the brightest crimson, semi-double Roses. Everybody should plant this new hardy Japanese Rose. It does well in house culture.

Dormant plants, 50 cts. each, \$2 for 5; smaller size, 30 cts. each, \$1 for 4.

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Capt. Christy, Caroline de Sansal, Caroline Marniesse, Coquette des Alps, Mad. Plantier, Margaret Dickson, Merveille de Lyon, Souv. de Pres. Carnot.

LEMON and YELLOW.

Gloire Lyonnaise, Persian Yellow, Yellow Harrison and Yellow Rambler.

LIGHT PINK.

Anna de Diesbach, Appoline, Baroness Rothschild, Gabriel Luizet, John Hopper, La France and Mrs. John Laing.

ROSE, or DEEP PINK.

American Beauty, Francois Levet, Magna Charta, Mad. Chas. Wood, Mount Carmel and Paul Neyron.

LIGHT CRIMSON.

Alfred Colomb, Gloire de Margottin, Jules Margottin and Marshal P. Wilder.



DARK CRIMSON ROSES.

Duke of Teck, Duke of Edinburgh, Fisher Holmes, Gen. Jacqueminot, Gen. Washington, Mons. Boncenne and Ulrich Brunner.

MAROON, or PURPLE.

Baron Bonstettin, Jean Liabaud and Prince C. de Rohan.

CLIMBING ROSES.

Baltimore Belle (white), Crimson Rambler (red; see description), Empress of China (red), Queen of Prairies (rose) and Yellow Rambler.

RUGOSA, or JAPAN ROSES.

Mad. Georges Bruant (white) and Rugosa Rubra (red).

Prices of Perpetual Roses (Dormant).

Purchaser's choice, 12 varieties, named, \$5.

Our selection, 12 best varieties, named, \$4.

Our selection, 12 choice varieties, not named, \$3

Our selection, 12 older varieties, not named, \$2.

Tree Roses, one stem, about 3 feet high, \$1 each.

**CHOICE NEW DAHLIAS.**

The following twelve varieties we have selected as being very desirable:

Rev. C. W. Bolton (Show). Salmon buff, spotted deep buff.

A. D. Livoni (Show). Very large, clear pink.

Frank Smith (Show). Dark purple maroon, tinged white.

Pluton. Finest of all the yellow Show Dahlias.

DAHLIAS, continued.

Little Prince (Pompon). Red, tinged with pinkish white.

Sappho (Pompon). Very dark velvety maroon.

Catherine (Pompon). Yellow.

Virginale (Pompon). Small, ball-shaped flowers; white.

Black Prince (Cactus). Velvety maroon, almost black.

Henry Patrick (Cactus). Pure white.

Nymphæa (Cactus). Light shrimp pink, shaded.

King of Cactus. Deep magenta.

The above 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz.

50 Named Sorts, not in above Collection, \$5.

From our standard collection of 50 other beautiful Dahlias we will furnish 12 plants, our choice, all different, for \$1, or 15 cts. each.

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The plants we offer are grown from seed obtained from the world's greatest Pansy specialist, and for size, richness of coloring and texture, cannot be approached by any other strain. 5 cts. each, 50 cts. per doz., \$3 per 100.

BEDDING PLANTS.

Our stock, which was never so complete in quality and variety, includes all of the desirable summer-blooming and decorative plants.

Asters. Asters are the most popular and useful of our annuals; the world-wide demand for them shows their adaptability for all situations. Coming into bloom in late summer, when most other flowers are fading, greatly enhances their value. Our collection embraces Dwarf Triumph, Comet, Semple's Late Branching and many others, including white, rose, crimson, crimson and white, light blue, dark scarlet, purple and violet, and mixed colors of brilliant effect, which are produced in profusion.

Ageratum. Good as a border plant. 50 cts. per doz.

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Echeveria. Succulent plants, sometimes called "Hen and Chickens." They are very dwarf in habit, bearing red or orange flowers. Suitable for rockeries, edging, or masses. For compact bedding they are indispensable. 10 cts. each, 60 cts. per doz., \$4 per 100.



ASTERS.

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Comte de Bouchard. Golden yellow, spotted red. 4½ feet.

Egandale. Leaves of bronze color. Blossoms of a fine, currant red color, thrown well above the foliage. 4 feet.

Florence Vaughan. The finest of the yellow spotted varieties. The flowers are bright golden yellow, spotted with brilliant red, of large size and borne in large heads, in great abundance. 3 feet.

F. Neuvesel. Carmine flowers and darkest green foliage. 4½ feet.

Madame Crozy. Crimson scarlet, bordered with golden yellow. 4 feet.

Paul Marquant. Bright salmon scarlet, passing to a rosy carmine, with a peculiar silvery luster. 3 to 3½ feet.

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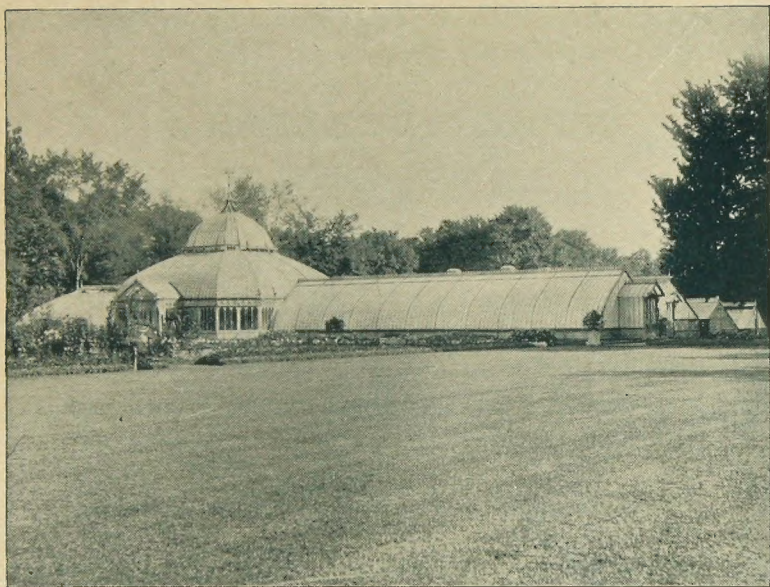
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